

To the FCC Commissioners,

I'd like to make it known to chairman Powell and the other FCC commissioners that I strongly disagree with the deregulation proposal to be voted on this Monday, June 2, 2003. If deregulation is enacted, one obvious effect will be to further consolidate media ownership into fewer hands - not to imply that the present situation is acceptable; it is not! This quasi-media monopoly will lead minimally to the squelching of viewpoints opposed to the owners' interests, and thus severely limit the free flow of ideas over the supposedly "public" airwaves - not healthy for a democratic society. I'm sure chairman Powell is very well aware of these consequences, and personally I'd like to see him removed from his FCC position for violating the public trust so blatantly.

As a counter-proposal I would suggest that the FCC set far more stringent limits on how much of the so called "public" airwaves any individual or corporation may "own." Furthermore I advocate that monetary profit derived from the use of the "public" airwaves be funnelled directly back into the public coffers and distributed to all US citizens; the radio spectrum is public property, not to be exploited for the monetary benefit of the few.

-Alex Theodorou